Significant Student Test Number Dates and Events

• Before the Fall 2002 administration of ISTEP+, a system of student test numbers must be established and working smoothly.

• Student test numbers must be assigned **by accredited schools** and reported to the Department of Education by the end of the 2001-2002 school year.

• The Student Test Number lookup system can then be put into place to facilitate the acquiring of student test numbers as students transfer to new schools.

• Schools and/or corporations are required to submit a *sample* of data for ISTEP+ labels by July 1, 2002.

• Schools and/or corporations are required to submit *final* ISTEP+ label data using Student Test Numbers for all tested grade levels before the Fall 2002 administration of ISTEP+.

Student Test Number (STN) News, Updates, and Requirements Available on DOE Web Site

- • Web site to be primary method for communicating with educators.

The Indiana Department of Education has developed a Web site to help communicate news, ideas, information, updates, and requirements for the implementation of the new Student Test Number system. The site, **www.doe.state.in.us/stn/welcome.html**, provides a forum in which all who visit can provide feedback and insight.

The Web site will be the primary method in communicating with educators, and will be continuously updated to keep all parties (educators, parents, citizens) as current as possible in regard to any and all Student Test Number information.

What will I find?

Currently, there are several general information pieces, a frequently asked questions document, a detailed timetable of events, and a list of vendors in the state of Indiana. Also, the Web site now features data layouts that have been approved for use in the Student Test Number Project. Included are layouts for the STN Lookup System and for ISTEP+ barcode labels.

How else can I stay current with the latest STN happenings?

Visit the STN Web site, **www.doe.state.in.us/stn/welcome.html**, click on the "IDOE Lists" button, and subscribe to the listserv. Once signed up, you can ask questions of your peers or sit back and "listen" to the how and what they are doing to build their system.

The following are student test number examples.

Public School Example: 535402034
5354: School Number (State-assigned four character ID)
02: Number assigned in 2001-2002 school year
034: Number was the 34th number assigned in the 2001-2002 school year

Nonpublic School Example: D41502034
D415: School Number
02: Number assigned in 2001-2002 school year
034: Number was the 34th number assigned in the 2001-2002 school year

How did the Student Test Number requirement come to exist?

The requirement was created by the Indiana General Assembly through Public Law 221 and, specifically, says: "the department shall assess improvement in the following manner: Compare the results for a school by comparing each student's results for each grade with the student's prior year results . . ."

What if I still have questions?

If, after having checked all the options available via the Web site, **www.doe.state.in.us/stn/welcome.html**, you still haven't found the answer you need, please email us at istn@doe.state.in.us; postal mail us at STN, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; or phone us at 317-232-6611.

Are You STN Ready?

- ☐ We check the Web site at least once a week for new or updated material.

- ☐ We have downloaded and analyzed published data layouts for STN and ISTEP+.

- ☐ Key personnel have joined the STN listserv.

- ☐ Student Test Numbers have been assigned to all students.

- ☐ We have contacted our Student Information System (SIS) vendor to make certain that we are on track.

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